

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed August 7, 2003, has been received and carefully reviewed. The Examiner rejected claim 48 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sette et al. in view of Matsuura et al. and Sternberger. The Examiner also rejected claim 48 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rozzo et al. in view of Matsuura et al. and Sternberger. Applicants have canceled claim 48 which renders this rejection moot.

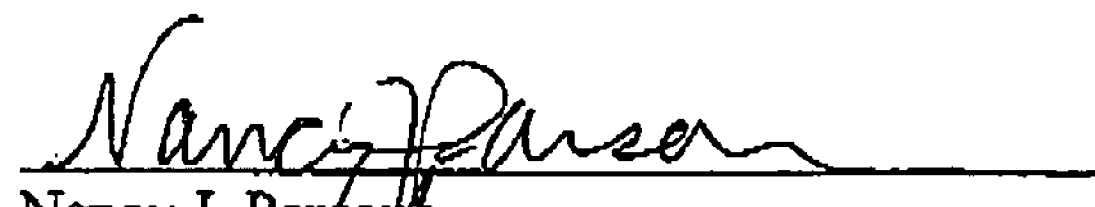
Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 31-34, and 44-47. In view of the cancellation of rejected claim 48, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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